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Rhode Island Board of Election Releases Election 2020 Vote Tabulation Process and Timeline Overview

CRANSTON, R.I. – To better help Rhode Islanders understand the vote tallying and public results reporting process during this unprecedented election, the Rhode Island Board of Elections has released the following timeline:

November 3rd

Polling Place

These are ballots cast in-person at polling places on November 3rd, encrypted, and securely transmitted from the polling place to the Board of Elections when polls close. These results will be available on the Board of Elections' website (elections.ri.gov) on Election Night beginning at 8 p.m.

In-Person Emergency Voting

These results will be transmitted by local Boards of Canvassers on Election Night and will be available on the Board of Elections' website beginning at 10 p.m.

Mail Ballots

While the Board expects to count most mail ballots by November 3rd, ballots placed in authorized drop boxes at City/Town Halls or in polling places must still be tabulated. These ballots are sealed in envelopes and held in secure and sealed containers by the local Board of Canvassers and will be retrieved by Board of Elections teams on November 3rd. Partial mail ballot results will be available on the Board of Elections' website beginning at 11 p.m. but will not include these drop box ballots.

November 4th – 5th

Remaining drop box ballots and any still uncounted mail ballots will be added to the Mail Ballots totals and made available on our website. Any precincts which failed to transmit their results on Election Night due to any technical issues will be added to the Election Day results and made available on the Board of Elections' website.

November 7th – 9th

Provisional ballots results will be added to Polling Place Results and will be made available on the Board of Elections' website.

November 10th

Deficient mail ballots cured by voters and due to the Board of Elections by November 10th will be added to Mail Ballots Results and will be made available on the Board of Elections' website prior to final certification.

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